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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Gracious God, our hiding place, how often we take refuge in Your forgiveness. Thank You for Your unlimited mercy. Today, we are aware of how we do not always measure up to what we know to be right; forgive us. Also, we know of the times we have done wrong because of our failure to act; forgive us. Help us, Lord, to lean on Your grace, trusting You to save us from ourselves.

Today, bless the Members of this great body. Give them the strength and commitment to lead our Nation to new levels of greatness. Empower them to use their talents, abilities, and energies to make a better world. As they walk in the path of truth and honor, give them Your peace. We pray in Your saving Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 28, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON TESTER, a Senator from the State of Montana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. TESTER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. This morning the Senate will immediately resume consideration of S. 1639, the immigration legislation. There will be an hour of debate only prior to the cloture vote on the legislation. The time is divided between Senators KENNEDY and SPECTER or their designees.

Following the hour, the leaders will each receive 10 minutes if they choose to utilize the time, with the majority leader controlling the final 10 minutes. If all time is used, the cloture vote would occur about 10:50 this morning.

Members are reminded that there is a 10 a.m. filing deadline for any germane second-degree amendments.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the

Senate will resume consideration of S. 1639, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:
A bill (S. 1639) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

Pending:

Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934, of a perfecting nature.

Division VII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Division VIII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Division IX of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Division X of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Division XI of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Division XII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Division XIII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Division XIV of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Division XV of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Division XVI of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Division XVII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Division XVIII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Division XIX of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Division XX of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Division XXI of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Division XXII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

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Division XXVI of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Division XXVII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934.

Kennedy Amendment No. 1978 (to Division VII of Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) modified amendment No. 1934), to change the enactment date.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Massachusetts is recognized.

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